

CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

August 29, 2018

In attendance: Judges Becker, Blick, Brandt, Calabrese (by telephone), DeGennaro, Elkin and Attorney Bonnie Bennet

1. Review of September presentation (September 18, 2018)

Children's Matters

Overview of Family Support Magistrates and overlapping jurisdiction with the probate court – Presented by Magistrate John E. Colella, former Chief Family Support Magistrate and Attorney Paul Bourdoulous (45 minutes to 1 hour)

Diversity Training – implicit bias and cultural diversity – Presented by Lisa Workmeister-Rosas, Associate Professor, UCONN School of Social Work (one and one-quarter hours)

SIJS findings and voluntary guardianship for persons 18 to 20 years old – Presented by Attorney Bonnie Bennet (30 minutes)

Human Trafficking – Presented by Judge Beverly Streit-Kefalas (30 minutes)

Did you know that? - Presented by Amy Benjamin and Stephanie Jaynes (45 minutes)

Interpreting services available

Permanent guardianship

Amended applications/Due process issues

Marshal Service

DCF policy manual and practice guide

2. Review of November presentation (November 27, 2018)

Decedents' Estates

Estate Tax Returns (45 minutes) - Presented by Marilee Clark of Department of Revenue Services

Connecticut Taxable Estates, Closing letters,

Insolvent estates – New forms to review (45 minutes to one hour) – Presented by Judge Randich

Valuing Business Interests and Business Succession in Decedents' Estates (45 minutes) – Attorney Christopher Drew will be providing a recommended speaker from the CBA Estates and Probate Section

DG matters - Presented by Judge DeGennaro (45 minutes)

Custody of Remains – Safe Deposit Box – 4a-16 claims

Attorney Bennet to check CMS statistics to determine other judges who may handle more of these petitions and perhaps be part of a panel with Judge DeGennaro

3. Review of January presentation (January 17, 2019)

Title XIX – Check with Attorney Lisa Davis for resources

Special Needs Trust and PLAN of Connecticut – Check with Attorney Neal Cramer, and Attorney Sandra Sherlock White

Commitments/Probable Cause/Voluntary Admission – Check with Judge Marino

4. Topics for 2019

June: Ethics, Protected Persons

September: Children's Matters

November: CBA joint seminar

Next meeting: November 14, 2018 at 10:45 a.m. following the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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